

Amendments To Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method of generating heat using a hydrogen condensate,

wherein the hydrogen condensate comprises a metal nano-ultrafine particle containing a plurality of $\text{ZrO}_2\text{.Pd}$ particles and a plurality of deuterium atoms solid-dissolved among the plurality of $\text{ZrO}_2\text{.Pd}$ particles, such that at least two of the plurality of deuterium atoms are condensed so that an inter-atomic nuclear distance between the two deuterium atoms is smaller than or equal to an internuclear spacing of the deuterium atoms in a deuterium molecule,

the heat generation method comprising;

- (i) condensing the hydrogen condensate by
 - (a) providing the nano-ultrafine particle in a container;
 - (b) evacuating the container to high level of vacuum;
 - (c) introducing the deuterium atoms into the container so as to solid-dissolve the deuterium atoms in the nano-ultrafine particle so that the hydrogen condensate has a deuterium atoms/nano-ultrafine particle atom ratio of 250% or more;
- (ii) applying energy to the hydrogen condensate sufficient that at least two of the plurality of deuterium atoms solid-dissolved in the hydrogen condensate fuse; and
- (iii) generating heat by causing the at least two deuterium atoms to fuse with each other due to the energy.

2. (CANCELLED)

3. (WITHDRAWN) A method of generating heat using a hydrogen condensate, wherein the hydrogen condensate comprises a metal alloy composite containing a plurality of $\text{Zr}_3\text{NiO.Pd}$ particles and a plurality of deuterium atoms solid-dissolved among the plurality of $\text{Zr}_3\text{NiO.Pd}$ particles, such that at least two of the plurality of deuterium atoms are condensed so that an inter-atomic nuclear distance between the two deuterium atoms is smaller than or equal to an internuclear spacing of the deuterium atoms in a deuterium molecule,

the heat generation method comprising:

- (i) condensing the hydrogen condensate by
 - (a) providing the nano-ultrafine particle in a container;
 - (b) evacuating the container to high level of vacuum;
 - (c) introducing the deuterium atoms into the container so as to solid-dissolve the deuterium atoms in the metal alloy composite so that the hydrogen condensate has a deuterium atoms/ metal alloy composite atom ratio of 250% or more;
- (ii) applying energy to the hydrogen condensate sufficient that at least two of the plurality of deuterium, atoms solid-dissolved in the hydrogen condensate fuse; and
- (iii) generating heat by causing the at least two deuterium atoms to fuse with each other due to the energy.

4. (WITHDRAWN) A method according to claim 3, wherein the energy is generated based on at least one of ultrasonic wave, strong magnetic field, high pressure, laser, laser explosive flux-compression, high-density electron beam, high-density current, discharge, and chemical reaction.

5. (WITHDRAWN) A method according to claim 3, wherein in the step of generating heat, the at least two hydrogen isotope atoms are fused with each other to generate a helium molecule in addition to the heat.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A hydrogen condensate, comprising:
a metal nano-ultrafine particle containing a plurality of $\text{ZrO}_2\text{.Pd}$ particles; and
a plurality of deuterium atoms solid-dissolved among the plurality of $\text{ZrO}_2\text{.Pd}$ particles,
wherein at least two of the plurality of deuterium atoms are condensed so that an inter-atomic nuclear distance between the two deuterium atoms is smaller than or equal to an internuclear spacing of a molecule consisting of the two deuterium atoms; and
wherein the hydrogen condensate is produced by:
providing the nano-ultrafine particle in a container;
evacuating the container to high level of vacuum;

introducing the deuterium atoms into the container so as to solid-dissolve the deuterium atoms in the nano-ultrafine particle so that the hydrogen condensate has a hydrogen isotope atoms/nano-ultrafine particle atom ratio of 250% or more.

7. (CANCELLED)

8. (WITHDRAWN) A hydrogen condensate, comprising:
a metal alloy composite containing a plurality of $Zr_3NiO.Pd$ particles; and
a plurality of deuterium atoms solid-dissolved among the plurality of $Zr_3NiO.Pd$ particles,

wherein at least two of the plurality of deuterium atoms are condensed so that an inter-atomic nuclear distance between the two deuterium atoms is smaller than or equal to an internuclear spacing of a molecule consisting of the two deuterium atoms; and

wherein the hydrogen condensate is produced by:
providing the nano-ultrafine particle in a container;
evacuating the container to high level of vacuum;

introducing the deuterium atoms into the container so as to solid-dissolve the hydrogen isotope atoms in the metal alloy composite so that the hydrogen condensate has a deuterium atoms/metal alloy composite atom ratio of 250% or more.

9. (ORIGINAL) A method according to claim 1, wherein the energy is generated based on at least one of ultrasonic wave, strong magnetic field, high pressure, laser, laser explosive flux-compression, high-density electron beam, high-density current, discharge, and chemical reaction.

10. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method according to claim 1, wherein in the step of generating heat, the at least two hydrogen isotope atoms are fused with each other to generate a helium molecule in addition to the heat.

11. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method according to claim 1, wherein the energy is an ultrasonic wave at 300 watts and 19kHz.

12. (WITHDRAWN) A method according to claim 3, wherein the energy is an ultrasonic wave at 300 watts and 19kHz.